STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2007 held a hearing on Emergency Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

IRS AND THE TAX GAP

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on IRS and the Tax Gap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both with the IRS; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; and a public witness.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Concluded hearings on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION WORKFORCE SECURITY CLEARANCES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Impact of Background and Security Clearances on the Transportation Workforce." Testimony was heard from Robert D. Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on House Administration: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

OVERSIGHT—INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled "Reports, Audits and Investigations by the General Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Regarding the Department of the Interior." Testimony was heard from Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; and Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D175)

H.R. 434, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007. Signed on February 15, 2007 (Public Law 110–4)

H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007. Signed on February 15, 2007 (Public Law 110–5)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 19 through February 24, 2007

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated) No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.